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First Report Of Bremer's Companion's

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MILWAUKEE — (AP) — A Milwaukee ferry manager says Arthur H. Bremer appeared with a swarthy, well-dressed companion to arrange the first of three ferry trips Bremer made across Lake Michigan in the weeks preceding the wounding of Gov. George Wallace.

Bremer, 21, is charged with shooting Wallace on May 15. Mounting evidence indicates he followed the Alabama governor for more than two months.

Records of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in Milwaukee show that Bremer took the C & O ferry from Milwaukee to Ludington, Mich., on April 9 and May 9. Records in Ludington show he made the 97-mile trip in the opposite direction on April 28.

Witness

The C&O ferry trainmaster, Earl S. Nunnery, said he recalls that Bremer and a man who appeared to be of Greek descent made arrangements for the ferry trips.

A third person was traveling with the men but did not enter the ferry office, Nunnery said.

This was the first report that Bremer had had companions in the weeks preceding the shooting. Acquaintances have described him as a solitary, virtually friendless figure.

Bremer had been seen in Milwaukee at a Wallace celebration just 2½ blocks from his apartment on April 4, the night of the Wisconsin primary. It was in the next day or two, accoring to Nunnery, that Bremer appeared at the ferry office on the Milwaukee docks with the unidentified man.

Nunnery said Bremer's companion talked excitedly about moving a political campaign from Wisconsin to Michigan, but never named a candidate.

When they left, Nunnery said, he peeked out his office window hoping to see a bumper sticker or some other insignia on their car identifying the candidate they were supporting.

There were no visible signs, he said, but recalled seeing a third person sitting in the back seat, slight of build and with hair long enough so he could not determine whether the person was a man or a woman.

New York

Within another day or two, Bremer registered at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City and was there April 7-8, according to hotel records.

Yet, by the evening of April 9, Bremer was back in Milwaukee in time to catch the 8:15 p.m. ferry for the six-hour trip to Ludington. Ferry records list his name and the license number of his 1967 blue Rambler, now impounded in Maryland.

Records of the Ludington side of Lake Michigan list Bremer as returning to Milwaukee on the 8:07 p.m. ferry April 28.

Between these two ferry trips — on April 15 — Bremer was ticketed for speeding in Binghamton, N.Y.

Maryland

The Baltimore Sun reported that at 2:15 a.m. on April 15 Bremer checked into the Sheraton Motor Inn in New Carrollton, Md., a 15-minute drive from the Laurel Shopping Center where Wallace was shot.

The Sun said Bremer stayed three days and tried to check in again the weekend before the shooting but was told the motel was filled. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, another Democratic presidential candidate, attended a political breakfast in the motel that morning.

On May 9, Bremer took his third ferry trip, arriving in Ludington about noon.

He was spotted at mid-afternoon the following day in Cadillac, Mich., 72 miles from Ludington, where Wallace was to speak at an evening rally.

After another apparently quick trip over hundreds of miles, Bremer turned up, according to photographs and an eyewitness, at a Wallace rally in Landover, Md., on May 11. Two days later, he was spotted and identified from photographs at another Wallace event in Kalamazoo, Mich., and on May 15, he was arrested at the Laurel Shopping Center where Wallace was shot.

Wallace Regains Partial Feeling in Toes, Thighs

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama has regained some involuntary muscular activity to his toes and has some sensation down to the mid-thigh, doctors said today.

Physicians at Holy Cross Hospital where the governor is being treated for gunshot wounds said in a medical bulletin that over the past 18 hours there has been some return of involuntary muscular activity to the toes of both feet. They said the movement is more pronounced in the left foot.

Wallace exhibits normal reflex actions when the sole of his foot is stimulated, doctors said. The bulletin added that "there is also encouraging evidence of increasing sensations down to the level of the mid-thigh."

'Encouraging'

The doctors said the significance of this involuntary muscular activity in relationship to the final degree of recovery from paralysis is "difficult to ascertain at this time but is most encouraging."

Wallace's son George Jr., 20, told doctors last night that he visited his father and learned that he was regaining some feeling.

"I tickled his foot and his toes moved and I pulled up the sheet to let him see it," said Wallace's son.

All Smiles

Doctors said that George Jr. was "all smiles" when he was told of the event.

Wallace has been paralyzed in both legs since he was shot four times at a campaign rally in Laurel, Md., one week ago. One bullet remains lodged in his spine. Doctors hope to operate and remove that slug sometime this week after the governor is transferred to a Birmingham medical center.

Wallace's recovery has progressed to where he is performing physical exercises on a tilt table. Previously therapists turned Wallace in bed and exercises his legs while he remained in bed.

Condition Stable

Doctors said Wallace's temperature over the past 24 hours has been a normal 99 degrees or less and his general condition remains stable.

Mrs. Wallace said of the development, "I'm not surprised. I have been very optimistic all along. I thank the people for their prayers and I hope they will continue to pray for him."

Shortly after the bulletin was announced, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew arrived at the hospital to visit the stricken governor.